



MEDIA ADVISORY
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October 20: Boston ‘Energy Superheroes’ to Join in *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration at Wang YMCA of Chinatown

Women Highlighted in New Book to Lead Students in Wind Turbine Activity

Boston, Mass. – Several Boston area “Energy Superheroes” will join students, parents, and afterschool providers at the YMCA of Greater Boston’s Wang YMCA of Chinatown in the annual celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 20. The “energy superheroes” – women working for local energy companies – will seek to spark excitement about energy careers by sharing their stories and leading students in a wind-turbine-building exercise. The women are each highlighted in a new children’s book, *Energy Superheroes: Women in Energy Careers*. The women’s participation is the result of a partnership between the Afterschool Alliance and the *Everyday Superheroes* book series, which aims to connect local women leading the nation’s energy transition with the future workforce.

The Superheroes will meet with afterschool students and their families’ to discuss careers in energy, sign free copies of the book, then lead students in a sustainable energy exercise – building small wind turbines on the back of the pencil.

Similar celebrations with other local superheroes are scheduled in Chattanooga, Tenn., Houston, Tex., and Oklahoma City, Okla. Copies of *Energy Superheroes* and wind turbine kits for the Boston event are contributed by FirstLight Power, KidWind, Siemens Energy, and Women’s Energy Network Boston.

WHEN: October 20, 4:00 PM

WHERE: Yang YMCA of Chinatown, 8 Oak Street

PARTICIPANTS: [Linette Casey](#) – Siemens Energy, Head of Americas Sales
[Claudia Garcia](#) – Enel Green Power, Sustainability Manager
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Patricia Barnwell, Senior Executive Director, Wang YMCA of Chinatown

The YMCA of Greater Boston’s Wang YMCA of Chinatown provides daily before-school and afterschool programming, offering physical activity, homework support, various science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities, literacy instruction, and the arts.

Organized by the Afterschool Alliance and launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children,

families and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year. Thousands of afterschool programs across the nation will be celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on or around October 20, with open houses, rallies, parades, and more.

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